

What is claimed is:

8. (Amended) A pad for a tree shaking apparatus comprising:

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a resilient polymeric web adapted to wrap around a portion of a tree trunk when operating the tree shaking apparatus, and

a pair of parallel end sections attached to opposite ends of said web,  
5 each of said end sections defining a bore extending longitudinally therethrough[, and adapted to receive] for receiving a mounting member[s] of the tree shaking apparatus.

2. A pad as defined by claim 8 wherein said bores are approximately parallel to each other.

3. A pad as defined by claim 8, wherein said web is fabricated from polyurethane.

4. A pad as defined by claim 8 wherein said end sections are fabricated from polyurethane.

5. A pad as defined by claim 8 wherein at least one aperture is positioned adjacent to each end section for providing strain relief in the pad during operation of the tree shaking apparatus.

6. A pad as defined by claim 8 wherein said end sections and said web are fabricated from polyethylene.

9. (Amended) A pad for a tree shaking apparatus comprising:  
a resilient polymeric web adapted to wrap around a portion of a tree trunk, and

a pair of parallel end sections attached to opposite ends of said web,  
5 each of said end sections defining a bore extending longitudinally therethrough[, and adapted to receive] for receiving a mounting member[s] of the tree shaking apparatus; and

a pair of apertures approximately parallel and adjacent to the bore of each of said end section extending at least part way through said pad.

10. (New) A pad for a tree shaking apparatus comprising:

a resilient polymeric web adapted to wrap around a portion of a tree trunk when operating the tree shaking apparatus, said web defining a first surface to contact a tree and an opposing surface, said opposing surface being  
5 generally concave when at rest; and

a pair of parallel end sections at opposite ends of said web, each defining a bore extending longitudinally therethrough for receiving a mounting member of the tree shaking apparatus.

11. (New) The pad for a tree shaking apparatus of claim 10 wherein said first surface is generally planar.

12. (New) The pad for a tree shaking apparatus of claim 10 wherein said first surface is less concave than said opposing surface.

13. (New) The pad for a tree shaking apparatus of claim 10 wherein said pad is formed in a single piece.

14. (New) The pad for a tree shaking apparatus of claim 13 wherein said pad is formed in a single piece from polyurethane or polyethylene.

15. (New) The pad for a tree shaking apparatus of claim 13 further comprising an aperture approximately parallel to said bores through said pad in a transition area between said web and said end section.